



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Ref: 8EPR-SA

Mark Walker
Remedial Programs, CDPHE
4300 Cherry Creek Cr. South
Denver, CO 80222RE: Completion of Voluntary Cleanup for part of CERCLIS site COD9870952519, Rico-
Argentine, in Rico, Colorado

Dear Mr. Walker:

Earlier this year, you notified EPA that the voluntary cleanups at the above site had been complete. You requested EPA consider whether the Rico-Argentine Site could be removed from CERCLIS. This letter documents EPA's position on the archival of this site from CERCLIS.

EPA's June 1996 letter to you indicated that, pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between EPA and CDPHE regarding voluntary cleanups, we would consider suspension of Superfund activities and removal of the site from CERCLIS after all the voluntary cleanups were complete. EPA hoped the entire site would be addressed under the voluntary cleanup program. However, as discussed between managers of EPA and CDPHE Superfund programs, the voluntary cleanups did not address the entire site and all the concerns. Therefore, EPA cannot archive the site from CERCLIS. EPA acknowledges that a number of cleanups occurred under the voluntary cleanup program.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Lisa Lloyd at 303-312-6537 or Barry Levene at 303-312-6807.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Dale Vodehnal", is positioned above the typed name.

Dale Vodehnal, Director
Superfund Remedial Response Programcc: Barry Levene, EPR-SR
David Ostrander, EPR-SA
Pat Smith, EPR-SA
Lisa Lloyd, EPR-SR

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REMARKS

Please trash the letter on
Rico dated 4-25-00 & replace w/
this one. Per discussion w/ Mark Walker
@ CDPHE the last sentence of 4-25 letter
caused some confusion & offended them.
As discussed w/ Dave O. via voice mail,
we reissued the letter minus that sentence.

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